

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 456
By Crowe

A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Charles I. Robinson of Elizabethton.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly were greatly saddened to learn of the passing of Charles I. Robinson; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Robinson passed away at 12:30 on the morning of Wednesday, July 7, 2004, in the intensive care unit of the Johnson City Medical Center after suffering a heart attack while jogging with co-workers on Tuesday, July 6; and

WHEREAS, Charles Robinson, aged 48 years, was the publisher of the *Elizabethton Star* daily newspaper at the time of his untimely death; and

WHEREAS, he began working at the *Star* while attending high school; his father, the inimitable Frank Robinson, was the newspaper's publisher at the time; and

WHEREAS, Charles Robinson assumed leadership as the newspaper's publisher on October 1, 1980, at the age of 25; and

WHEREAS, born in Bristol to B. Frank and Ann Childress Robinson, Charles Robinson grew up in Elizabethton, graduated from Elizabethton High School in 1973, and later attended East Tennessee State University in Johnson City; and

WHEREAS, he is survived by his loving wife, Angela Odom Robinson; his three children, Jessica, Jeremy, and Joshua Robinson; his sister and brother-in-law, Carol and Fred Goodwin; his parents; his nieces, Angela Willocks and Amy Laney; his nephew, Nathan Goodwin; his great-niece, Savannah Laney; his great-nephews, Christian Laney and William Willocks; and very special family member Harvey Pritchard; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Robinson was an exemplary public servant and consummate professional who worked assiduously to improve the quality of life for his fellow citizens in numerous capacities; and

WHEREAS, he was a valued member of the Elizabethton Rotary Club, stood on the Elizabethton/Carter County Chamber of Commerce, and rendered sterling service on the Executive Board of the Elizabethton-Carter County United Way; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Robinson coached several tee-ball, soccer, baseball, and basketball teams in his community, was a member of the Carter County Rescue Squad, and was a devout member of Grace Fellowship Church in Johnson City; and

WHEREAS, in a tribute to “a true community leader who put the community first and was a true friend of Elizabethton and Carter County in everything he did,” City Manager Charles Stahl ordered flags to be flown at half-mast at all city installations on Friday in remembrance of Charles Robinson; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Robinson leaves behind an indelible legacy of integrity and probity in public life, compassion and loyalty in private life, and diligence and dedication in all his chosen endeavors; and

WHEREAS, he was a deeply devoted husband, father, son, brother, and uncle who was inspired by his family; he endeavored to remain true to family values of the highest order; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that this General Assembly should pause to remember the bountiful life of this exceptional public servant and human being; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we honor the memory of Charles I. Robinson, devoted family man, neighbor, and friend, reflecting fondly upon his impeccable character, his stalwart commitment to living the examined life with courage and conviction, and his dedicated service to his family and his community.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we express our sympathy and offer our condolences to the family of Mr. Robinson.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.